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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In Re Application of : January 24, 2005  
Lorin E. Ullmann, et al : Group Art No.: 2154  
Serial No. 09/737,368 : Examiner: Haresh Patel  
Filed: December 15, 2000 : for IBM Corporation  
Anne Vachon Dougherty  
Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS IN 3173 Cedar Road  
NETWORK MANAGEMENT FOR SLOW Yorktown Hts, NY 10598  
APPLICATION PROGRAMMING  
INTERFACES FOR STATUS QUERIES

**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 22, 2004,  
Applicants submit the following:

**Amendments to the Specification** as set forth on pages 2-3.

**Amendments to the Claims**, including cancellation of Claims  
9, 10, 23-24 and 29, as reflected in the Listing of Claims which  
begin on page 4.

**Arguments/Remarks** which begin on page 14.